Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Is the Government aware that the existence of the denominational hostels stand in the way of further popularising the cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— It goes without saying. A percentage of at least those who go to denominational hostels are sure to go into the cosmopolitan hostel.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:— Is the so-called cosmopolitan hostel really so?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—It is open to every section.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—Are there not separate mess arrangements?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— Yes, one for vegetarians and the other for non-vegetarians.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:—In as much as there are hostels for all castes except the caste hindus, is it not a hardship to them?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— There has been no such complaint.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— If there is a request from the Caste Hindus for a Hostel will they be provided with one?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I am confident that there will be no such request. It is a very hypothetical question. It is only a question of cost and not of caste.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:— Are the Government aware that the denominational hostels are more cosmopolitan than the so-called cosmopolitan hostels?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I have already submitted that the term denominational does not really express that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— What is the strength of the cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— 53 boys and 23 ladies.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— How many can be accommodated altogether?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— There is ample accommodation for 90 males and 20 females.

Members of the Legislative Council in the Text Book Committee.

243. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any rule, resolution or convention that there should be at least two members of this Council in the Text Book Committee;

(b) who are the two members of this Council now in the Text Book Committee?

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Mr. I. N. Menon:— (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Will the Hon'ble Member for Education kindly tell me whether at any time two members of this House sat on the text book committee ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know, Sir, whether the text book committee was not constituted after a report from the then Director of Public Instruction, Mr. Thomas Manjuran (now Government Advocate) and also Mr. Krishna Menon who was a member of this council ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I also know whether there was in any report a recommendation that the existing practice of having two members of this House on the text book Committee should be continued?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— They recommended that some representation should be given to the Legislative Council on the text book Committee.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Are there members of this Council in the Committee now ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— There is no one in the text book committee but there is one in the Board of Studies.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— The question is with regard to the text book committee and not with regard to the Board of Studies.

Cocoanut Industry—protection of.

244. Mr. George Parakkal:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if they have been requested by the Cocoanut Growers' Association, Narakkal, to support the Associations' appeal to the Government of India for protection to cocoanut industry ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what action it has taken on the request ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— (a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India was already addressed in the matter. That Government had replied that the question of enhancing duty on Ceylon copra and other cocoanut products is under examination by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and that some time will elapse before a decision is arrived at.

Implements—supply of.

245. Mr. George Parakkal:— Will the Government be

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